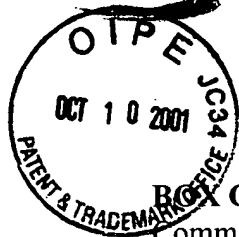


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Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Takuo HIBI, Hiroaki ABEKAWA, Kohei SEKI, Tatsuya SUZUKI, Tetsuya SUZUTA, Kiyoshi IWANAGA and Takahiro OIZUMI
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CHLORINE
Assignee: SUMITOMO CHEMICAL COMPANY, LIMITED
Our Ref: Q53271

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/249,100 (Confirmation No. Not Assigned) filed on February 12, 1999, of Takuo HIBI, Hiroaki ABEKAWA, Kohei SEKI, Tatsuya SUZUKI, Tetsuya SUZUTA, Kiyoshi IWANAGA and Takahiro OIZUMI entitled PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CHLORINE.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1754.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on August 13, 2001, under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from February 16, 1998, February 25, 1998, March 5, 1998, March 5, 1998, March 26, 1998, April 7, 1998, April 10, 1998, April 21, 1998, and May 12, 1998, based on Japanese Application Nos. 10-032677, 10-043292, 10-053366, 10-053367, 10-079034, 10-094680, 10-099615, 10-110618 and 10-128709. The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/249,100.

The Government filing fee is calculated, **after entry of the Amendment filed August 13, 2001**, as follows:

Total claims	84 - 20	=	64	x	\$18.00	=	\$1,152.00
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A check for the statutory fee of \$1,892.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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